

REMARKS

This Amendment supplements the Amendment filed on January 8, 2008. Claims 1 to 20 remain in the application, with Claims 1, 19 and 20 being the independent claims. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

As indicated above, Claim 20 has been amended to reincorporate the language “inhibiting the engine operation or,” which was inadvertently deleted from the claim in the January 8th Amendment. In addition, the awkwardly placed word “than” has been deleted from the second-to-the-last line in the claim.

The foregoing amendment to Claim 20 does not change Applicants’ previously submitted arguments with respect to the applied Murphy and van Nieuwstadt references. As discussed in Applicants’ January 8th Amendment, Murphy and van Nieuwstadt are seen to concern controlling the addition/injection of a reactant into an engine exhaust. However, neither of these references is seen to control the engine (i.e., restricting/decreasing output torque, inhibiting operation, etc.) in response to detecting an abnormality occurrence in an addition device. Accordingly, the currently pending claims are believed to be allowable over these two references.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502203 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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